

CLAIMS

1. A method for manufacturing a molded woody article, comprising:
compression molding a base material containing wood fibers, polylactic acid fibers and an inorganic filler at a temperature not less than a melting point of said polylactic acid fibers; and
maintaining said molded base material at a temperature close to a crystallization temperature of said polylactic acid fibers for a desired period of time, thereby crystallizing the polylactic acid fibers.
2. The method for manufacturing a molded woody article according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic filler contained in the base material is dispersed into the polylactic acid fibers.
3. The method for manufacturing a molded woody article according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the inorganic filler contained in the base material is talc
4. The method for manufacturing a molded woody article according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein in the molding step, the base material is prepared such that the ratio of the wood fibers to the polylactic acid fibers is in the range of 7:3 to 5:5 by weight.